

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3600**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	
	<b>McDANIEL ET AL.</b>
Serial No.:	<b>10/824,024</b>
Filed:	<b>APRIL 14, 2004</b>
Title:	<b>"METHODS OF WELL STIMULATION DURING DRILLING OPERATIONS"</b>
	§ Group Art Unit: <b>3676</b>
	§ Confirmation No.: <b>5994</b>
	§ Examiner: <b>FULLER, ROBERT EDWARD</b>
	§ Atty. Docket No: <b>2003-IP-012882U1</b>

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TO  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED MARCH 19, 2008**

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 19, 2008 (the "Final Office Action"), Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections. Because this response has been filed within two months of when the Final Office Action was issued, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue an advisory action if the Examiner does not find the claims to be allowable in light of the amendments and remarks made herein.

In response to the Final Office Action, Applicants submit the following:

- **Listing of the Claims**, which begin on page 3 of this paper and
- **Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 11 of this paper.